BIFR has been requested by SBI, through the Operating Agency, to review the scheme. Further; appeals have also been filed before the Appellate Authority for Industrial and financial Reconstruction (AAIFR) against the scheme sanctioned by the BIFR, by the workers' union of JUL and others.

unsatisfactory performance of World Bank aided projects

73. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the aided projects in India has been found unsatisfactory by the World Bank and International Delopment Association; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) No Sir.

The implementation of projects implementated with World Bank assistance is depended on specific factors relating to the scope and nature of each project. Delayed utilisation in some projects arises from a number of factors which include exchange rate fluctuations, inadequate provision of counterpart funds, and other project specific issues. Such problems sometimes lead to a delay in utilisation of World Bank assistance which is taken care of through extension of time or restructuring of the project. Other steps to improve implementation include regular monitoring and reviews and streamlining of procedures for procurement etc.

Raising income tax exemption limit

74. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise Income Tax exemption limit upto Rs. 30,000/-; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Sir, in view of the proximity to the presentation of the Budget for 1993-94, nothing can be said about Government's view on this issue at this stage.

बैंकों को भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की हिदायतें

75. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे**: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने बैंकों को घाटे में चलने वाले बिजली बोर्डों को ऋण नहीं देने की सलाह दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने राज्य बिजली बोर्डों की आर्थिक स्थिति पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव की जांच की है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और यथा उपलब्ध तथा नियमों के अन्तर्गत अनुज्ञेय सूचना सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।